2. Extension Frozen Semen Technology
3. Progeny Testing Programme
4. National Bull Production Programme
5. Systematic Control of Livestock diseases of National Importance
6. Foot and Mouth disease
7. Animal Disease Surveillance
8. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder development.

These schemes will help in improving milk production.

Cashew replantation

1553. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project for replanting and productivity improvement in cashew in Kerala at a total cost of Rs. 107.10 crores; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala submitted a project proposal entitled Replanting and Productivity Improvement of Cashew in Kerala with an outlay of Rs. 107.105 crores during November, 1997. The project proposal envisaged activities like area expansion, replanting, production and distribution of hybrid varieties of cashew, better management of young plantations, establishment of model gardens and training which were similar to the activities under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Cashew in India under which assistance was already being provided to the Government of Kerala. The State Government was informed accordingly in December 1997. An amount of Rs. 1.84 crores have been provided to the Government of Kerala during the first two years of the IX Plan. During 1999-2000, an allocation of Rs. 0.86 crores has been provided for Kerala.

Setting up of rural godowns

1554. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the scheme for setting up of rural godowns in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details as to how it is implemented, targets achieved, so far, in the state;

(c) whether Government would set up such godowns in Block Panchayats of the State, in the near future due to frequent natural calamities like cyclone and floods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) The Central Government provide financial assistance to State Governments for construction of godowns under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening of Public Distribution System. The assistance is provided as 50% subsidy and 50% loan on the basis of detailed proposals received from State Governments and after ascertaining utilisation of assistance provided under the scheme in the past. The Government has received a proposal from Government of Orissa for financial assistance to construct 96 godowns in various cyclone prone blocks/districts of Orissa. The proposal is under active consideration.

Gyandarshan on agriculture

1555. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national channel on education Gyandarshan has been inaugurated by the Minister of Human Resource Development on 26th January, 2000 with a wide range of subjects such as science and technology, trade and commerce, sports and health;

(b) whether Government would also arrange a similar channel on agricultural through ICAR, Agriculture Universities or Krishi Vigyan Kendras for accelerating agricultural production and improving the socio-economic condition of the farming community;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The test transmission of